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8 May 1956

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 8 May 1956

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding\*

Acting Chairman, Board of National Estimates

Presiding\*

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Ridgely Gaither, Assistant Chief of Staff,  
Intelligence, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Robert H. Rice, acting for Director of Naval  
Intelligence, Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the IAC  
Mr. Alan Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation

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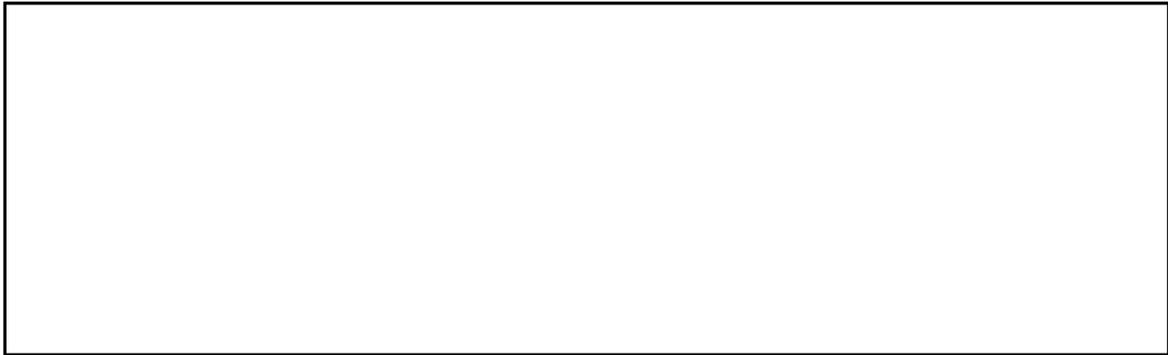
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Army and Department of State  
review(s) completed.

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2. Executive Session

At 1155 Mr. Dulles requested an Executive Session, at which the members discussed certain matters relevant to the Symington Committee hearings. [redacted] presided over a portion of the Executive Session and the balance of the regular IAC meeting, which resumed at 1305.)

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3. Approval of Minutes  
24 April Meeting  
(IAC-M-238)

Approved as written.

4. Watch Committee Reports  
No. 299 and No. 300

Noted.

5. Reports of IAC Ad Hoc Working  
Group on Arab-Israeli Situation  
(Memorandum to IAC, 4 May 1956)

a. General Gaither noted that he had raised this matter primarily because of questions which had arisen concerning the distribution of these reports to US commands and establishments overseas.

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b. The members agreed that the following procedure should govern the handling of future editions of these reports: (1) the covers of the reports will indicate clearly that they are working papers prepared by an ad hoc working group of the IAC, but not specifically approved by the IAC itself; (2) the IAC will note the reports but will not formally coordinate or approve them; (3) at the time of noting, the IAC will consider any questions of authorizing wider dissemination by individual members.

c. The members agreed that copies of previously published reports of the ad hoc working group might be sent to US commands or establishments abroad in the discretion and on the responsibility of individual agencies, with the suggestion that such copies be appropriately marked to identify them as working documents which had not been approved by the IAC itself.

6. IAC Concurrence in Army  
Sponsorship of "Mass Feeding"  
Exchange  
(IAC-D-103/1, 3 May 1956)

a. General Gaither and other members discussed this report, particularly with respect to the precise procedure to be followed in designating the Department of the Army as the sponsoring agency in this field. They also exchanged views briefly on the probable net intelligence gain which the US might derive from such an exchange. According to Mr. Belmont, the FBI considered that the probable net advantage to the US from the exchange program had not been concretely demonstrated, and that such exchanges would involve a potential security risk.

b. The members, by virtue of their acceptance of an amendment, proposed by General Gaither, to the recommended action in paragraph 3, approved, solely from the standpoint of greatest possible net intelligence advantage, the selection of the Department of the Army as the sponsoring agency for an exchange in this field. The members also agreed that the IAC should inform the State Department of this conclusion and recommend that if the concept of an exchange in this field is approved as consistent with

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appropriate national security policies and propaganda objectives, the State Department invite the cooperation of the Department of Defense in this regard.

7. NIE 100-3-56  
Sino-Soviet Policy and Its  
Probable Effects in Under-  
developed Areas

a. Post-Mortem  
(Memorandum to IAC, 3 May 1956)

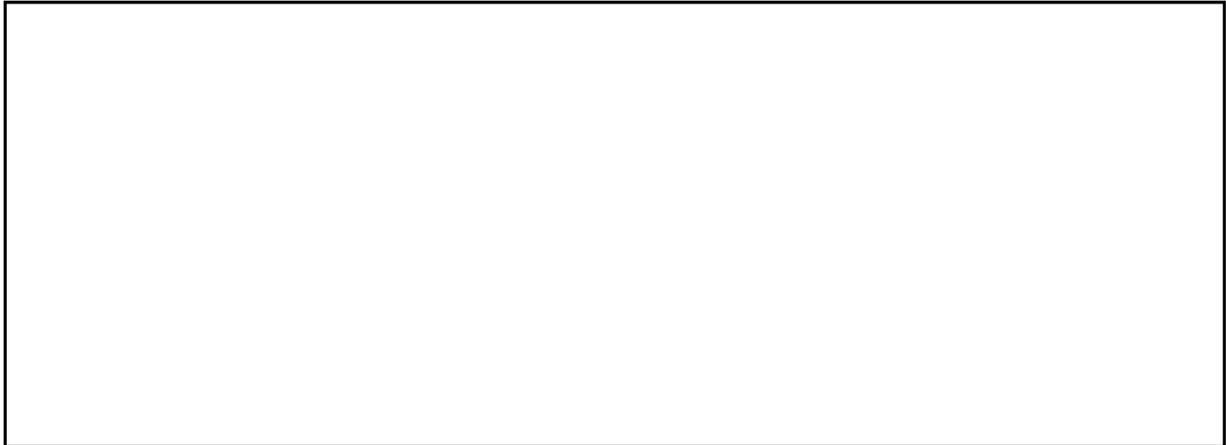
The members noted the findings and approved the recommendations of this post-mortem. In the course of the discussion, Mr. Armstrong noted the statement in paragraph 1, indicating that the approach of this post-mortem differed somewhat from that of post-mortems on other estimates, and the members agreed that it should not serve as a precedent for future post-mortems.

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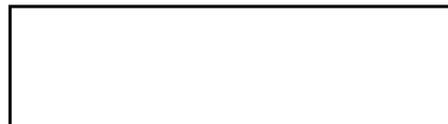
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10. "Situation Room" in  
the White House

Mr. Sheldon informed the members that the White House had asked the Director of Central Intelligence to assist in setting up a "situation room" in the White House, and in providing any necessary intelligence or personnel to support the project. He stated that the deadline for completion of the "situation room" is 1 July, in order that it may be in readiness for Operation Alert. Mr. Sheldon added that the DCI has accepted, but desires support from the IAC agencies, particularly in Order of Battle information.

After a brief discussion of various problems connected with the operation of the "situation room," the members agreed to designate representatives with whom Mr. Sheldon could consult in order to work out details of plans for support of the project by the IAC agencies concerned.

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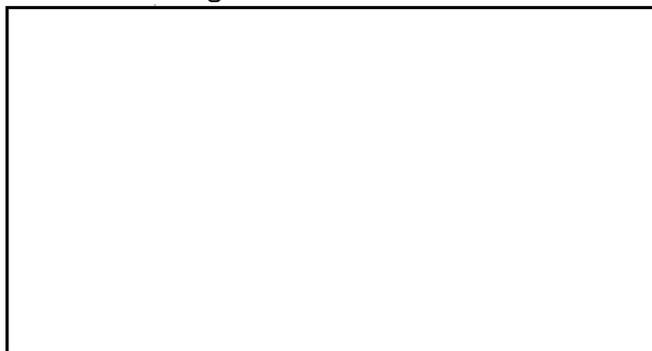
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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
Mr. Huntington Sheldon



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Department of State

Mr. Howard Furnas  
Mr. Owen Hillman

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel John E. Arthur  
Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Husman

Department of the Navy

Captain William S. Howell  
Captain Charles C. Coley

Department of the Air Force

Colonel Willis B. Sawyer  
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr.  
Mr. John A. Power

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IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 24 April 1956

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Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
Presiding

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Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of  
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Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
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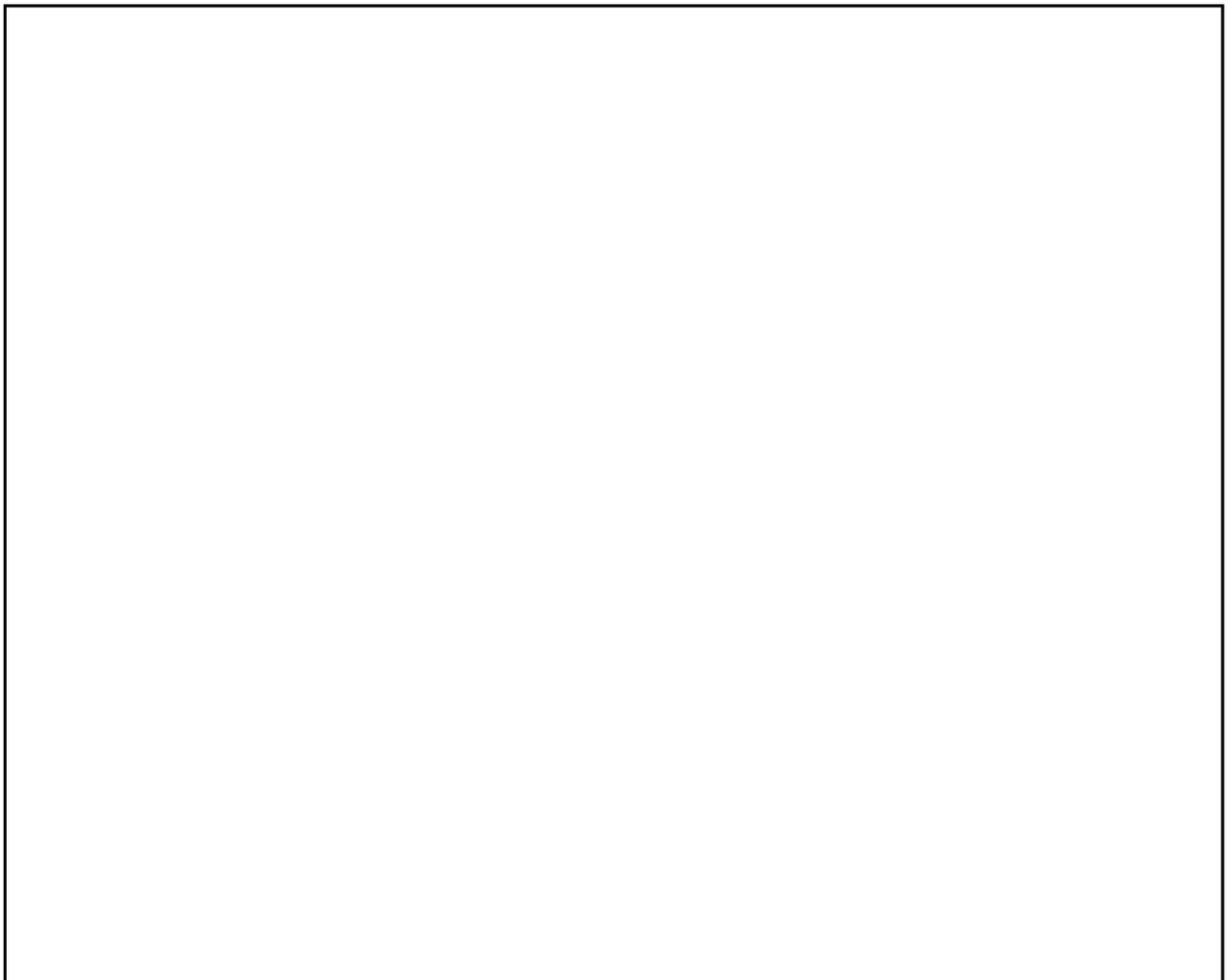
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1. Approval of Minutes  
17 April Meeting  
(IAC-M-237)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report  
No. 298

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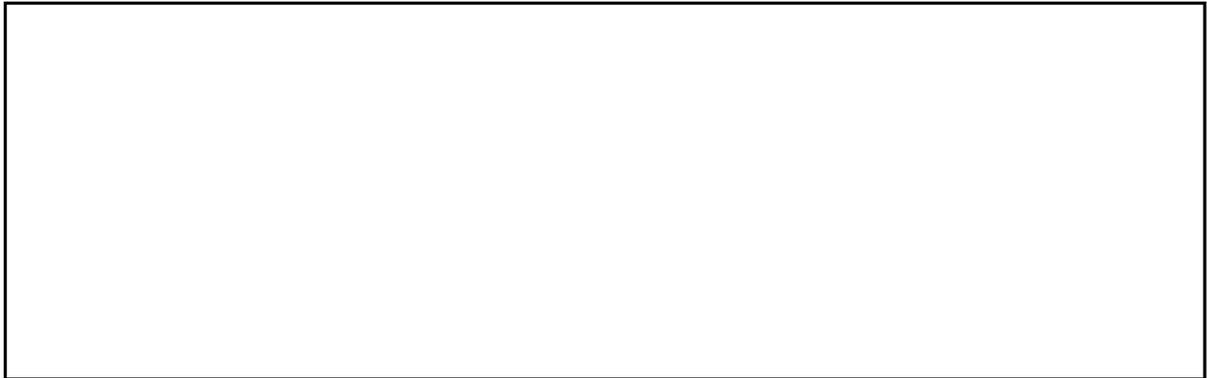


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5. NIE 100-3-56

Sino-Soviet Policy and  
Its Probable Effects in  
Underdeveloped Areas

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Agreed to consider a post-mortem on this estimate at a subsequent meeting of the IAC.
- c. Agreed that no validity study was necessary inasmuch as there was no prior estimate covering this precise subject matter.
- d. Mr. Armstrong expressed the appreciation of the Department of State for the speed-up in coordination, and other special efforts of the IAC agencies, including a substantial amount of weekend work, which had made it possible to complete this estimate on a crash basis.

6. NIE 36.6-56

The Outlook for

- a. Approved as amended. The members agreed that the Air Force should make any necessary revision in the figure given for the personnel strength of the  Air Force in the footnote to para. 12 of the 13 April draft.

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b. Noted the findings, and approved the recommendation of the post-mortem on this estimate.

c. Agreed that no validity study was necessary inasmuch as there had been no prior estimate exclusively covering this particular area.

7. Revised Annex D to NIE 11-56:  
Soviet Gross Capabilities for  
Attack on US and Key Overseas  
Installations and Forces  
Through Mid-1959  
(Memo for IAC, 5 April 1956)

Approved the proposed revision of Annex D to NIE 11-56.

8. Question of USIA Membership in IAC

The members agreed that Mr. Theodore Streibert, Director, USIA, should be invited to an early IAC meeting to present his views concerning USIA membership in the IAC.

Adjournment: 1305



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SECRETARY'S NOTES

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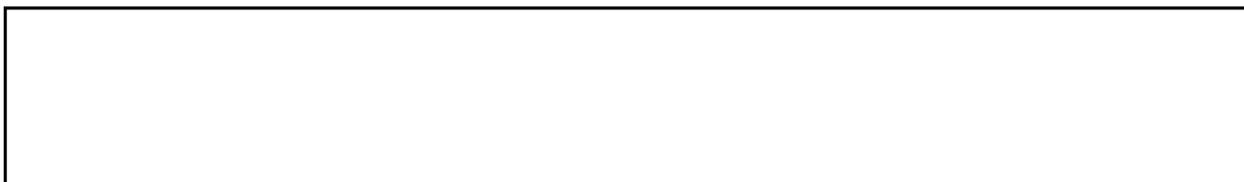
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2. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next regular meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA NIE 36.6-56, "The Outlook for [redacted]" and NIE 100-3-56, "Sino-Soviet Policy and Its Probable Effects in Underdeveloped Areas," both dated 24 April 1956.

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Huntington Sheldon  
Mr. Sherman Kent  
Mr. Otto Guthe  
Mr. Herbert Scoville, Jr.

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Department of State

Mr. William McAfee  
Mr. Edward Doherty  
Mr. Harrison Symmes

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel John E. Arthur  
Lieutenant Colonel Charles A. Reinhard  
Mr. Edwin G. Davis

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell  
Captain C. C. Coley  
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Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building,  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1500, 17 April 1956

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Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
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MEMBERS PRESENT

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Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General Millard Lewis, acting for Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
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17 April 1956

1. Approval of Minutes  
10 April Meeting  
(IAC-M-236)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report  
No. 297

Noted.

3. Report of Working Group  
on Emergency Plans  
(IAC-D-96/2, 5 April 1956)

a. Noted this report and approved the recommendations contained therein.

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b. In the course of the discussion, [ ] noted that the recommendation in this report that the "intelligence community" deal only with live intelligence during Operation Alert 1956 (para. IV. 3. a., page 5) referred only to community-wide operations, and would not preclude departmental exercises on a different basis if desired.

c. General Cabell noted that Operation Alert 1956 encompassed a period of time during which the IAC normally would meet. Consequently, he anticipated that a regular IAC meeting would be held, possibly at a location in some dispersal area.

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7. NIE 36.6-56  
The Outlook for



Agreed to defer consideration of this estimate.

8. Revised Annex D to NIE 11-56:  
Soviet Gross Capabilities for  
Attack on US and Key Overseas  
Installations and Forces  
Through Mid-1959  
(Memorandum for IAC, 5 April 1956)

a. Agreed to defer consideration of this paper until the next IAC meeting.

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b. Agreed that JAEIC should conduct a briefing for IAC members and other interested parties on Friday, 20 April, which would cover matters relevant both to Revised Annex D of NIE 11-56

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9. Executive Session

At 1525 General Cabell requested the members to remain for an Executive Session. The members of the IAC considered matters relevant to the scheduled testimony of Mr. Dulles before the Symington Committee on Sino-Soviet Bloc air capabilities. Mr. Dulles presided during a portion of this session.

Adjournment: 1720

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Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized release to USIA of NIE 61-56, "Probable Developments in Burma," [Redacted] and SNIE 100-4-56, "Possibility of Chinese Communist Military Action Against Certain Offshore Islands," all dated 10 April 1956 (IAC-M-236, 10 April 1956, Secretary's Note 1).

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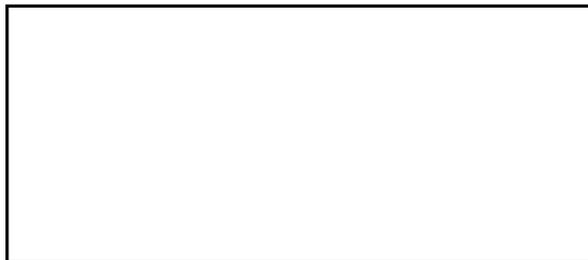
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Mr. Otto Guthe



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Mr. George Muller

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1. Approval of Minutes  
3 April Meeting  
(IAC-M-235)

Approved as written, except for item 6 a which was revised to read as follows:

"a. Approved further very limited dissemination of this report, as amended, to specifically selected individuals and directed JAEIC to prepare a sanitized version for more general distribution."

2. Watch Committee Report  
No. 296

a. Noted.

b. General Cabell noted that the Watch Committee had held a special meeting on the previous day to report on the Arab-Israeli situation. In the discussion of this report, Admiral Layton raised the question of whether steps might be taken which could increase the usefulness of these reports to the consumer. Various problems in connection with the preparation and use of these reports were then discussed by the members. General Cabell said that in his capacity as Chairman of the Watch Committee he would take cognizance of the views expressed.

3. Third Annual Report of  
the Advisory Committee  
on Foreign Language  
Publications  
(IAC-D-60/5, 26 March 1956)

a. The report was noted.

b. In response to a question by the AEC member, Mr.  said that the Committee's efforts have been integrated with those of other interested parties in respect of the translation of certain documents of particular interest to the AEC and National Science Foundation.

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c. General Cabell commented briefly on various aspects of the Committee's activities, including the substantially increased volume of interagency procurement of foreign language publications, and other developments regarding exploitation and reference.



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5. SNIE 100-4-56  
Possibility of Chinese Communist  
Military Action Against Certain  
Offshore Islands

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Agreed that no post-mortem was necessary on this estimate.



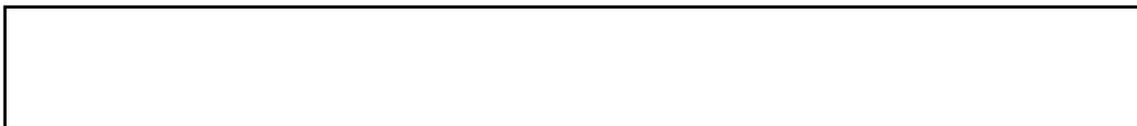
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7. NIE 61-56  
Probable Developments  
in Burma

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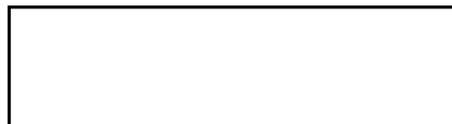
b. Noted the findings, and approved the recommendation of  
the post-mortem on this estimate.

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Adjournment: 1225

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Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTES

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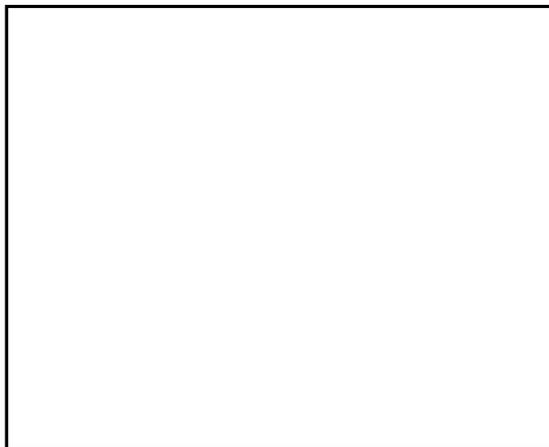
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ALSO PRESENT

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Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.  
Mr. Sherman Kent  
Mr. Otto E. Guthe



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Department of State

Mr. William McAfee  
Mr. Joseph Yager  
Mr. Richard Stuart  
Mr. Miron Burgin

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